

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are rejected; claim 9 is objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form; and claims 10 and 11 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the recitation of claims 8 and 9. Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled. Withdrawn method claim 10 has been amended to include all of the limitations of amended product claim 1. If claim 1 is found to be allowable, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of claim 10 pursuant to MPEP §821.04.

Claim 11 has been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the cancelled subject matter.

Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to correct awkward language to more clearly recite a stacked structure formed on a crystal substrate removable from the stacked structure, and has similarly been amended to recite a plate body formed on a surface of an uppermost layer which is opposite from the crystal substrate that is removable from the stacked structure. The subject amendments do not narrow the scope of claim 1, and no change in scope is intended.

Furthermore, as a preliminary matter, the Examiner has not indicated acceptance of the drawings. Therefore, Applicants request the Examiner to acknowledge acceptance of the drawings in the next Action.

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8 were rejected un 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nagahama et al. (US 2004/0072383, hereinafter "Nagahama").

In response, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 8 and the allowable features of claim 9 to thereby obviate the foregoing rejection. In addition, the remaining claims should be allowable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

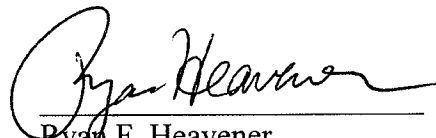
Withdrawn method claim 10 is amended in parallel with device claim 1. Thus, since the application should be in a condition for allowance, Applicants request the Examiner to rejoin claim 10.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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